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Soil erosion control legislation sent to governor

LANSING – Waterfront property owners doing simple yard work would be exempt from soil erosion and sedimentation control permits and fees under legislation sent to the governor today, Sen. Jud Gilbert and Rep. Phil Pavlov announced.

“Allowing residents along the water to plant a garden or fix part of their seawall without obtaining a permit is strictly common sense, and I hope the governor will sign this quickly so people still have time for outdoor projects this summer,” said Gilbert, R-Algonac. “I realize the importance of erosion control but recognize that some residents are being unfairly penalized. This legislation corrects this unfairness while maintaining the environment.”

Senate Bill 282 and House Bill 4444 would exempt certain residential projects and other outdoor household maintenance from the permit requirements of Michigan’s soil and sedimentation control program.

“The current process is ridiculous where homeowners cannot landscape their yard without first getting a permit,” said Pavlov, R-St. Clair Township. “While soil erosion is an essential factor in evaluating the environment, we must also realize that putting a garden in your yard will not deteriorate it.”

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